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SUBJECT: REFUGEES - CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM AT BEIRUT

REFS: A. GENEVA 2866; B. STATE 94334 (NOTAL); C. BEIRUT 5244;

D. BEIRUT 4995; E. BEIRUT 0992; F. BEIRUT OM, JANUARY

22, 1974; G. BEIRUT 11800, OCTOBER 5, 1973.

SUMMARY: REGRET CONFUSION REGARDING REF C WHICH TAGGED
SREF, CVIS AND INTENDED FOR VO AND/OR ORM ACTION.

REF D, TO WHICH REF C REFERS, DID NOT ASK FOR FSL POSI-
TION BUT REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN URGING INS CONFIRM THAT
THEY MAKING FUNDS AVAILABLE PERMIT US ARRANGE TEMPORARY
CLERICAL HELP DURING INS TDY OFFICER VISIT TO BEIRUT.

END SUMMARY.

1. WE NOW WITHDRAW THIS REQUEST AS SITUATION HAS CHANGED
ONCE AGAIN. FOLLOWING SUMMARY OUTLINES BACKGROUND.

2. IN REFS E, F AND G, BEIRUT SUPPORTED INS ATHENS

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RECOMMENDATION TO INS HEADQUARTERS FOR DETAIL TO BEIRUT

ONE INS OFFICER AND ONE INS CLERK. RECOMMENDED THAT TDYERS REMAIN LONG ENOUGH CLEAR UP MAJOR BACKLOG OF REFUGEES AT BEIRUT AWAITING INS INTERVIEWS. IN PAST, PROGRAM HANDLED BY ONE WEEK VISITS ONCE EACH TWO MONTHS BY INS REP ATHENS. DURING THESE VISITS BEIRUT CONSULAR SECTION PROVIDED SOME ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, NAMELY RECEPTIONIST, FINGERPRINTING AND CLEARANCES. ASSIGNMENT INS TDY OFFICER HERE WOULD INCREASE MONTHLY NUMBER APPLICANTS PROCESSED AT LEAST FIVE FOLD. WE HAVE CONTINUALLY MADE CLEAR IN OUR DISCUSSIONS INS ATHENS THAT OUR CONSULAR SECTION NOT STAFFED TO SUPPORT THIS SIZE PROGRAM. THUS, OUR ACCEPTANCE INS TDY OFFICER CONTINGENT ON ASSIGNMENT TDY CLERK OR FUNDING TO HIRE CLERK LOCALLY FOR DURATION OF INCREASED PROGRAM.

3. PURPOSE OF REF D WAS NOT TO REQUEST FSL POSITION, BUT TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT URGE INS CONFIRM SOONEST THAT FUNDS AVAILABLE HIRE TEMPORARY CLERICAL HELP IN LIEU PROVISION TDY INS CLERK.

4. INS TDY OFFICER, GALLETTA, NOW ON BOARD ND BRINGS US NEWS WHICH AGAIN CHANGES SITUATION. INSTEAD OF TDY FOUR FOUR TO SIX MONTHS NEEDED TO ELIMINATE BACKLOG, HE AUTHORIZED REMAIN HERE ONLY UNTIL MAY 24. IN VIEW VERY LIMITED DURATION TDY, INS ATHENS ABLE PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TEMPORARY CLERICAL HELP. THUS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PROBLEM SOLVED FOR NOW. SEPARATE MESSAGE IN REPLY STATE 094334 SENT ON THIS SUBJECT TO NEA/EX FROM ADMIN OFFICER MILLS.

5. DESPITE DIFFICULTIES IN PREPARING FOR THIS ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN PROGRAM, WE HOPE CAPITALIZE ON GALLETTA'S PRESENCE AND MAKE AVAILABLE ABOUT 500 REFUGEES FOR INTERVIEW DURING HIS VISIT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS STILL LEAVES SOME 1,500 MORE REFUGEE APPLICANTS PENDING INTERVIEW. THUS WE REITERATE OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT INS ASSIGN TDY OFFICER AND CLERK TO BEIRUT FOR SIGNIFICANT PERIOD. WE MUST AGAIN EMPHASIZE THAT LONG-TERM TDYER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY TDY INS CLERK OR THERE MUST BE FIRM ARRANGEMENTS MADE WELL IN ADVANCE TO FUND LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIRING.

6. SINCERELY APPRECIATE GENEVA'S OFFER TEMPORARILY RELEASE VACANT LOCAL POSITION. IF POSITION STILL VACANT WHEN LONGER TERM INS TDY OFFICER ASSIGNED, THIS COULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.
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